

efforts with success as in days gone by. During our past efforts we have had the pleasure of receiving into the Oakville congregation, including the seven charter members, one hundred and twelve souls; the most of whom are still there, but some are fallen asleep.

Nothing preventing we will begin a protracted meeting in this church the evening of the 16th inst.

God bless the effort.

J. H. SWIHART.

### HOLSINGER CORRESPONDENCE.

#### CHRISTMAS AT ROSENA.

ROSENA, CAL., Jan. 4, 1894.

As it was so nearly the same and it is not certain that the 25th of December was the day on which Christ was born, we concluded to keep Sunday the 24th as our Christmas. We had no Christmas tree, but I cut a sheaf of volunteer barley and oats, which was placed on the table as a substitute. It was in heads, and some of them were ripe. I send the editor several heads which I plucked on New Years day; and he can testify as to their maturity. Elder Nicholson and I talked a little on the day and its significance.

Sister Ellen Gnagey, of Pasadena, made us a very acceptable visit and spent Christmas with us. We all enjoyed her company very much. Sister Gnagey is one of the substantial members of the Brethren Church in California. Some time ago in the goodness of her heart she sent me five dollars which I consented to keep and credit on account of the Brethren Publishing House. So with C. Rowland will charge me with that amount, and credit her with same as a donation. After she had heard my explanation she said she did not blame me for not wanting to accept donations until my just claims had been paid.

#### AN APPEAL.

Not for charity but for justice, and to Christian Manhood:

Dear Brethren; I believe myself to be in possession of some business tact, and should certainly have learned something in my busy business experience, but it appears that when I deal with church members and in church business I forget what I do know, and take it for granted that all is and will be just right. I should have known enough not to give up the EVANGELIST office and my position as editor until I had all my money out of it, and a judicious friend so suggested after the transfer was made; but I said, the Brethren surely will do right and men will let me stick after all I have done for the church and the paper. I hoped too, from the enthusiastic manner in which they took hold of the enterprise at the convention of 1892, that the necessary amount would be raised easily at once, and I believe it could have been raised then if the proper effort had been made at once.

Now Brethren my appeal is that you will not betray my confidence. I have had that done so much by those whom I loved and in whom I confided, that I would regard it as fully as disastrous to me as the loss of the money. Please go to work in some methodical system and raise the amount for I am in sore need of the money. If I do not get it within six months from now I will be obliged to give up all my present plans of operation, and seek other employment and another home! Will you not do so for Jesus' sake, and for the sake of the reputation of the Brotherhood, and last and not least, for the sake of one who has long been identified with your common cause. This is positively my last appeal.

#### THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONVENTION.

Perhaps some of the readers of the EVANGELIST will remember that a call was published for a convention of the scattered members of the Brethren church in Southern California, to be held at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Los Angeles, on New Years day. Well, the day came, and Elder John Nicholson and his son Samuel of Rosena, Brother and Sister Ball of Glendora, and Brother Howard Flory of Los Angeles and myself were there and that was all. We sang and prayed and talked a little informally among ourselves, and adjourned to 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Next day the same parties met, and Dr. Nair and D. P. Stoner formerly of Kansas, happened in. So we dismissed with song and prayer and had no convention. I have no comment farther than this. We have offered an opportunity to the scattered members by which they might have secured the fellowship of the church. Our conscience is therefore at rest in the matter.

Los Angeles is just now wonderfully interested in a wonder worker who pretends to heal by laying on of hands. I have my own opinion of him, but will defer my prophecy until I know I am right; then I'll tell you. "I knew it." Our own people in the city are mostly being carried away with the holiness delusion and have no use for the church.

Here at Rosena we continue our services regularly and preach the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation. Weather is fine and health is good, but business very dull.

#### BUSINESS—PAID FOR.

I have had many answers to my former paid letter; but so far no sales. Nearly all my correspondence either wanted to come to California for their health, or to get work, and some for both. Now I am anxious to have good and industrious people come to Rosena, and am also willing to help my friends when I can, but I am not in the immigration business. I advertise to sell land, and that is the only way I have to get my money back. If anybody wants me to look up a situation or vocation or give them information with that view, they should at least pay the return postage, or I will lose money and all my time. One stamp is not much, but fifty a month, count up in the course of a year.

Candidly: I would not advise any poor persons who are dependent upon their labor for their living, to come to California, unless they knew where they would get employment. It is people of means who can greatly improve their circumstances and increase their employment by coming to California. And with every two or three wealthy settlers a few laboring families may be brought along and find employment.

More again,  
H. R. HOLSINGER.

#### A WORD ABOUT FRIENDS.

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 4th.

I have no doubt your readers will think me very negligent of my duty to them because so long a time has elapsed since my last communication appeared. Write after my name "negligence," Mr. Editor, and I will plead guilty. Of course, I have not been idle; "Busy as bees" is the legend written over my desk, and I try to live up to it. I intended to tell you sometime ago what an interesting series of sermons dear Bro. S. H. Love, of Lumburg, Pa., preached for us in Nov. He pleased our people immensely and if his hearers are not wiser and better for his sermons it is not his fault. There were no conversions during his

meetings but there were fresh vows of consecration and there were old resolutions rubbed up and re-adapted. We all felt much revived and will always be glad to see him in the Tabernacle pulpit.

We are embarked on the new ship 1894, and have of course, resolved to do better than we did on the old ship, 1893, just retired. You see, the common practice is to resolve on the first day of each year and ere the easter flowers bloom for gladness of returning spring, all our good intentions are forgotten and we do like we always have done. Oh, human nature is so weak. Father forgive us.

I have been looking for another bright letter from our bright little sister, Ella May Winn, of Lumburg City, or from some other one of the many little sisters or brothers of that little band. Write again, sister Ella. Tell sister Viola that a few thousand of EVANGELIST readers would like to read a letter from her. If little sister Mollie Weddle of Gopico, Floy's Co., would dip her pen in ink and spread it on paper for EVANGELIST columns, and tell all about how the new Brotherhood is progressing, I am sure it would be interesting. I want to go there sometime in the future and revive and then refreshing from the presence of the Lord. A revival of old time apostolic religion is in store for the dear Christians of that section.

I wonder if the readers of the EVANGELIST have noted the awful decline of genuine religion that the hard times are revealing to our astonished gaze? I can safely affirm from daily observation, that the flagrant, open violation of the precepts of the moral law and of the golden rule by nineteen-twentieths of professors, in the administration of their business affairs, is doing more to render ungatory, the promises of salvation than the violation of the law of the spirit or the spiritual doctrines of the Gospel. Well might the Savior enter the indictment against this transparent sham, that was denounced on the things that made them err in God's temple. Lord deliver us from the wrath impending against this wicked, faithless, adulterous generation.

Now let all the readers of the EVANGELIST try harder than ever to live up to the requirements of the Gospel this new year. If we try the Lord will help us and we will be happier for the effort. A prosperous new year to all the faithful.

D. C. MOOMAW.

#### WARSAW, INDIANA.

Welcome, EVANGELIST, always welcome at our home! It is a preacher that has never deceived us. Thank the Lord for, or in behalf of the managers of this grand and glorious paper. You can consider us a subscriber for the EVANGELIST this coming year—1894—and a consecrated family we are in the Progressive Brethren church. God has led us and guided us by his holy spirit—that precious comforter—that God has promised his children that obey him. He says in his word that his people are a tried people; thank God for a tried people at Warsaw, Ind. They are passing through the fiery furnace. But glory to God for his all saving power, his magnificent light, that glorious Gospel.

"God is love, I know, I feel, Jesus lives and loves me still."

But praise the Lord for faith in the Brethren church at Warsaw. We are having prayer meeting every Thursday evening and preaching every two weeks by Bro. W. C. Perry of North Manchester, Ind. He is a great help to us through the Lord. May God help him, the Brethren

cause at Warsaw, Ind., and all through the Brotherhood, is the prayer of your sister in Christ.

MRS. MATILDA SCHROCK.

#### WASHINGTON C. H., OHIO.

January 1st, '94.

Editor EVANGELIST.—Accompanied by my daughter I started Dec. 1st, for Hartford City, Ind., where we were met by my father and conveyed to his home. On Sunday I began a series of meetings at Maple Grove church which continued over two weeks. This is a church over which Bro. W. W. Summers is pastor. Here we were permitted for the first time to meet Bro. Summers who came to our assistance on the sixth and remained until the eleventh. Then he was obliged to return to his home. Was sorry that he could not remain longer to assist in the work, however our meetings were very well attended considering the weather which was uniformly bad. Some were prevented because of sickness. After all we could not complain of the attendance. The interest was very good. The brethren here are earnest zealous workers, and certainly know how to make a stranger feel at home.

Their singing I must say was exceptionally good. My stay among them was a very pleasant one, and one long to be remembered. While among them we labored hard for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, but we could see no immediate results of our work other than that the church was revived. The members seemed to take hold of the work with renewed zeal and energy. May the Lord bless them and keep them faithful. Here, as elsewhere, the church has some unpleasant things to contend with, yet I hope and pray that they may be able to overcome all trouble and stand firm for the grand cause. Brethren ever remember that behind the darkest cloud there is a silver lining. After our meeting closed and I had started for my home I received a message requesting me to come back and visit a young man who was lying very low with that dreaded disease, consumption, and who had decided to be baptized. I returned and visited him only to find him undecided because of a difference of opinion on the part of his friends in regard to church relation, so we had to leave him where we found him—out of the kingdom.

Sad was the parting from one who must so soon answer to God for his life's work and yet unprepared. We admonished him to attend to the matter at once and we trust he has done so. After our meeting closed we spent a few days in the neighborhood prospecting with a view of locating. More anon.

M. WHITE.

#### NEW CONVERTS FAITHFUL.

MEXICO, IND., Jan. 2, 1894.

Have had no services for several weeks, owing to Bro. Ditch being in Pa. But while services are a great pleasure we keep moving right on without them. Our young people changed the program Saturday night and entertained the audience with music. The house was full. We are much pleased with the Constitution. And we are pleased to say those that lately united with us are very much interested. Let us never forget "In the harvest field there is work to do." Let us ever strive to be filled with the spirit.

MRS. L. B. SKINNER.

Send in your subscription, and your neighbors.